

Nebraska Cattle Feeders' News

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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Arizona	295	322	109	31	29	94	28	35	125	2	1	50
California	520	520	100	69	73	106	62	63	102	7	5	71
Colorado	940	910	97	145	130	90	205	180	88	10	10	100
Idaho	240	260	108	47	70	149	60	54	90	2	1	50
Iowa	390	415	106	50	49	98	59	68	115	1	1	100
Kansas	2,090	2,200	105	400	400	100	540	465	86	20	15	75
Nebraska	1,850	1,820	98	285	290	102	435	510	117	10	10	100
New Mexico	124	132	106	26	26	100	19	18	95	1	3	300
Oklahoma	315	320	102	52	54	104	64	58	91	3	1	33
South Dakota	173	161	93	20	26	130	34	48	141	1	3	300
Texas	2,760	2,950	107	455	550	121	495	480	97	10	10	100
Washington	165	142	86	37	41	111	41	35	85	1	1	100
Other States	270	250	93	30	31	103	43	59	137	2	2	100
U.S.	10,132	10,402	103	1,647	1,769	107	2,085	2,073	99	70	63	90

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

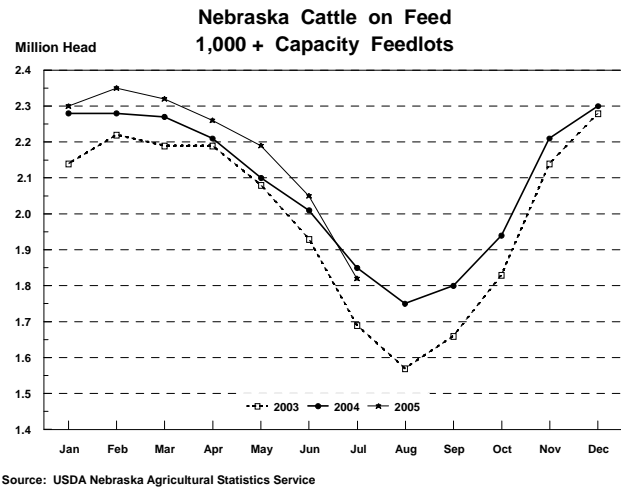
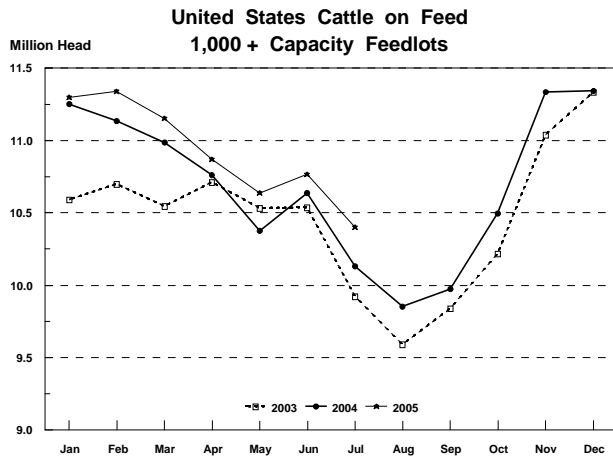
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed July 22, 2005

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	During June									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	30	25	40	25	45	40	30	40	145	130
Kansas	95	80	100	85	120	125	85	110	400	400
Nebraska	55	52	47	38	73	75	110	125	285	290
Texas	150	130	115	150	140	160	50	110	455	550
Other States	130	125	57	49	75	80	100	145	362	399
U.S.	460	412	359	347	453	480	375	530	1,647	1,769

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed July 22, 2005



Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 05 % of		Jan-Jun ²		
				Jun 2004	May 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,198	2,049	2,200	100	107	11,914	11,747	99
Veal	12.9	12.9	12.9	99	100	83.1	76.0	91
Pork	1,657	1,596	1,693	102	106	9,939	10,075	101
Lamb & Mutton	14.9	14.3	14.7	99	103	94.1	91.0	97
Total Red Meat	3,883	3,672	3,921	101	107	22,030	21,989	100

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter July 22, 2005

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jan-Jun ¹		Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jan-Jun ¹	
				2004	2005				2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,540	1,493	1,607	8,107	8,158	52.2	54.3	55.6	50.3	52.3
Heifers	939	841	859	5,242	4,862	31.8	30.6	29.7	32.5	31.1
All Cows	419	373	383	2,508	2,334	14.2	13.5	13.2	15.5	15.0
Dairy Cows	179	164	165	1,166	1,101	6.1	5.9	5.7	7.2	7.1
Other Cows	240	209	218	1,342	1,233	8.1	7.6	7.5	8.3	7.9
Bulls & Stags	50	43	45	264	255	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Total¹	2,949	2,751	2,893	16,120	15,609	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,114	7,661	8,176	48,162	48,381	96.4	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.6
Sows	282	254	270	1,637	1,545	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1
Stags & Boars	20	24	24	127	140	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total¹	8,415	7,939	8,470	49,926	50,066	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	15	13	12	74	66	6.9	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.1
Lambs & Yrlings	204	186	199	1,260	1,218	93.1	93.6	94.3	94.4	94.9
Total¹	220	198	211	1,334	1,284	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter July 22, 2005

U.S. July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

U.S. Calf Crop Up Slightly

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from both 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from both 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2003-2005

Class	2003	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and calves	103,900	103,600	104,500	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,700	42,500	42,800	101
Beef cows	33,600	33,500	33,750	101
Milk cows	9,100	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	15,900	15,950	16,200	102
For beef cow replacement	4,600	4,800	5,000	104
For milk cow replacement	3,600	3,600	3,700	103
Other heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,200	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,050	2,100	102
Calves under 500 pounds	29,000	28,900	29,000	100
Calf crop - annual	37,903	37,625	37,800	100
Calf crop - Jan.-June	27,700	27,400	27,450	100
Calf crop - July-Dec.	10,203	10,225	10,350	101

Source: USDA NASS Cattle July 22, 2005

Feeder Cattle Supply July 1, 2005

Item	2004	2005	% PY
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
<u>Cattle Inventory</u>			
Calves <500 lbs.	28,900	29,000	100
Steers & Heifers >500 lbs.	30,150	30,600	101
Total Supply	59,050	59,600	101
<u>U.S. Cattle on Feed</u>			
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	102
<u>Supply Outside Feedlots</u>			
Total Supply	47,250	47,600	101

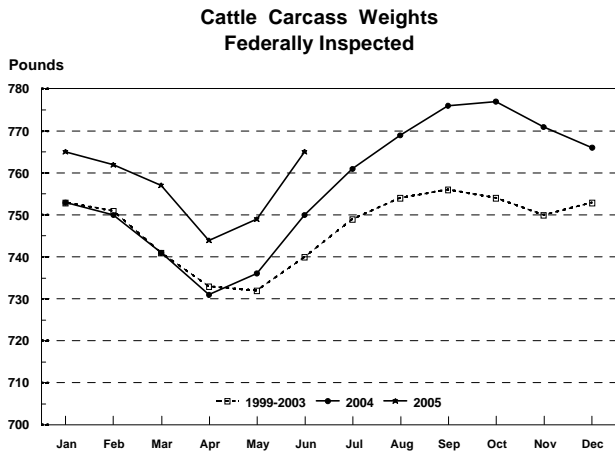
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F.I. Cattle Slaughter January - June

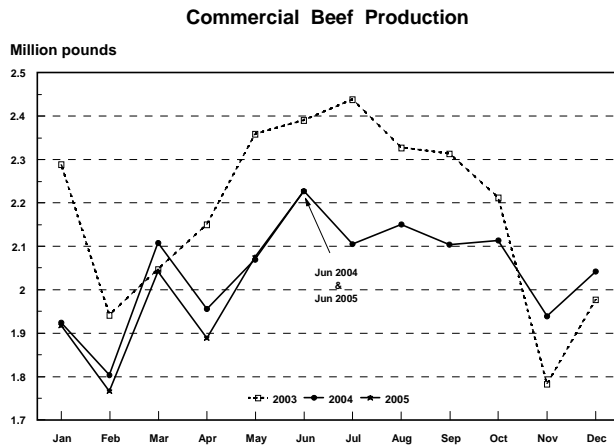
Item	2004	2005	% PY
	<i>Thousand head</i>		
Steers	8,107	8,158	101
Heifers	5,242	4,862	93
Dairy Cows	1,166	1,101	94
Beef Cows	1,342	1,233	92
Bulls & Stags	264	255	97
Total	16,120	15,609	97

% PY = Percent of previous year.

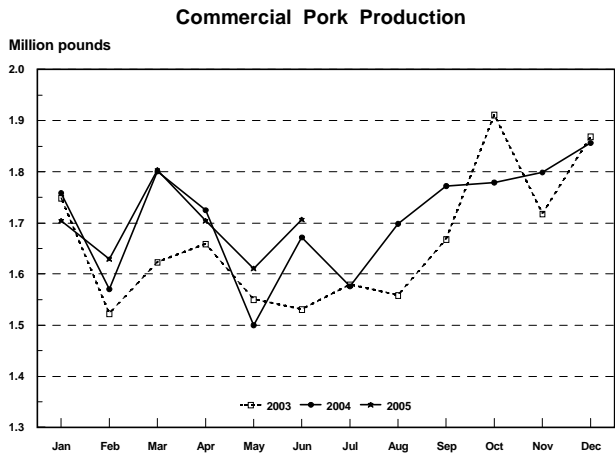
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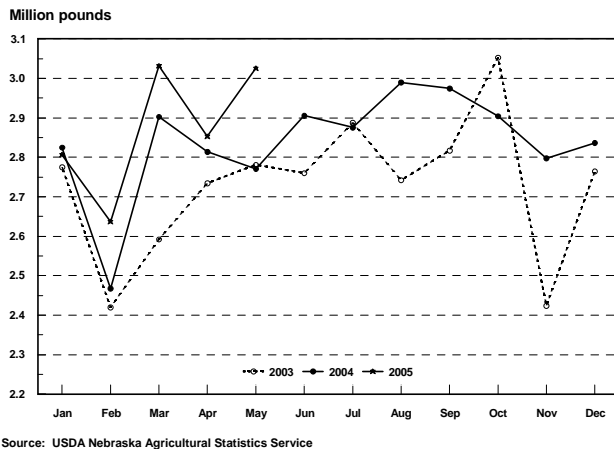
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